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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

TEVLIN, PETER S.

Examiner

Alexander Jamal

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4-29-2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                        |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Appeal Brief*

1. Based upon the submitted arguments, the examiner withdraws the final rejections and submits a new set of non-final rejections based on newly discovered prior art.

2. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 6-24-2005, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

New grounds of rejection are set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-16** rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikinis (5790644).

As per **claim 1**, Kikinis discloses a computer system comprising a display that displays telephone numbers (Fig. 2c) and input devices such as a trackball and keyboard (Fig. 1). The system further comprises a speaker to generate DTMF tones to a telephone handset (Fig. 1) in order to dial a telephone number (ABSTRACT).

As per **claim 9**, claim rejected as the system of the rejection of claim 1 would perform the method in claim 9. Additionally, once the dialer has acoustically dialed into a public phone system, the caller would conduct the telephone conversation using the telephone handset 21 (Fig. 1).

As per **claim 16**, claim rejected for the same reasons as claims 1 and 9.

As per **claim 2**, Once the dialer system has acoustically dialed into a public phone system, the caller would conduct the telephone conversation using the telephone handset 21 (Fig. 1).

As per **claims 3,4,10,11**, the dialer system would inherently include the hardware (comprising a sound board, encoder/decoder, and amplifier coupled to a speaker) for the purpose of acoustically generating DTMF tones based upon user input to the computer.

As per **claims 5,6,7,12,13,14**, the dialer comprises the use of a mouse (trackball) or keyboard to select telephone numbers (Fig. 1).

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As per **claims 8,15**, the computer recognizes the telephone number as requiring long distance and inserting the appropriate tones and pauses to the dialed number (Col 5 lines 10-25, Fig. 2c).


***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim\*\*\* have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Jamal whose telephone number is 571-272-7498. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis A Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300** for regular communications and **571-273-8300** for After Final communications.

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